

REMARKS

Claims 12-32 remain pending in the present application, including independent claims 12, 27 and 32. In the Office Action, claim 32 was indicated as allowable and claims 13-19, 21-26, and 28-31 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 12, 20 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0025488 to Anderegg et al. (“Anderegg ‘488”). Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Independent claim 12 is directed to a spinning position for producing yarn from a fiber structure. The spinning position has a fiber guidance sleeve defining an interior. The fiber guidance sleeve includes a fiber guiding surface arranged in the interior of the fiber guidance sleeve. The fiber guidance surface has a deflection point located in the interior of the fiber guidance sleeve. The fiber guidance sleeve is configured to receive a fiber structure introduced into the fiber guidance sleeve at an input direction forming an angle α between the input direction and the fiber guiding surface at the deflection point.

The applicants respectfully assert that independent claim 12 is not anticipated by Anderegg ‘488. As mentioned above, claim 12 requires that the fiber guidance sleeve be configured to receive a fiber structure introduced into the fiber guidance sleeve at an input direction forming an angle α between the input direction and the fiber guiding surface at the deflection point. Anderegg ‘488 fails to teach this limitation.

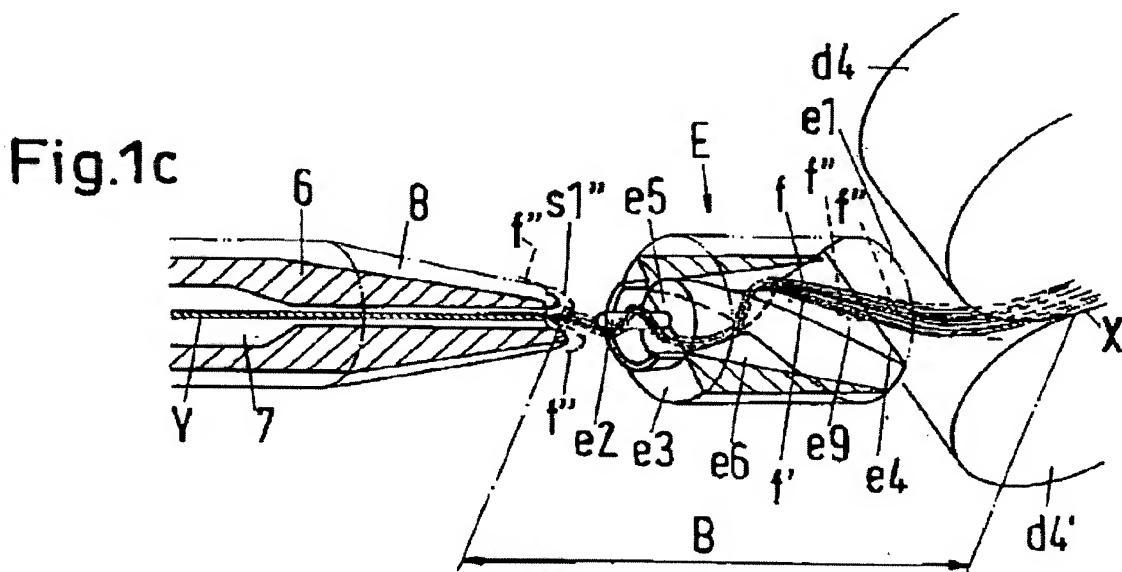
Figure 7 of Anderegg ‘488 depicts a cross-sectional view of a spinning chamber. Figure 7 does not explicitly depict the displacement of fibers through the spinning chamber. However,

Anderegg '488 teaches that the input direction of the fibers is along the fiber guidance surface

28.1. In particular, Anderegg '488 discloses:

The problem was resolved in that a fibre guide surface exhibits a fibre delivery edge, over and by means of which the fibres are guided in a formation lying essentially flat next to one another, against an inlet aperture mouth of a yarn guidance channel.

(Anderegg '488, [0007]) (emphasis added). This is also shown in Figure 1c of Anderegg '488 which depicts the fibers F being input in a direction along the fiber guidance surface e9 below:

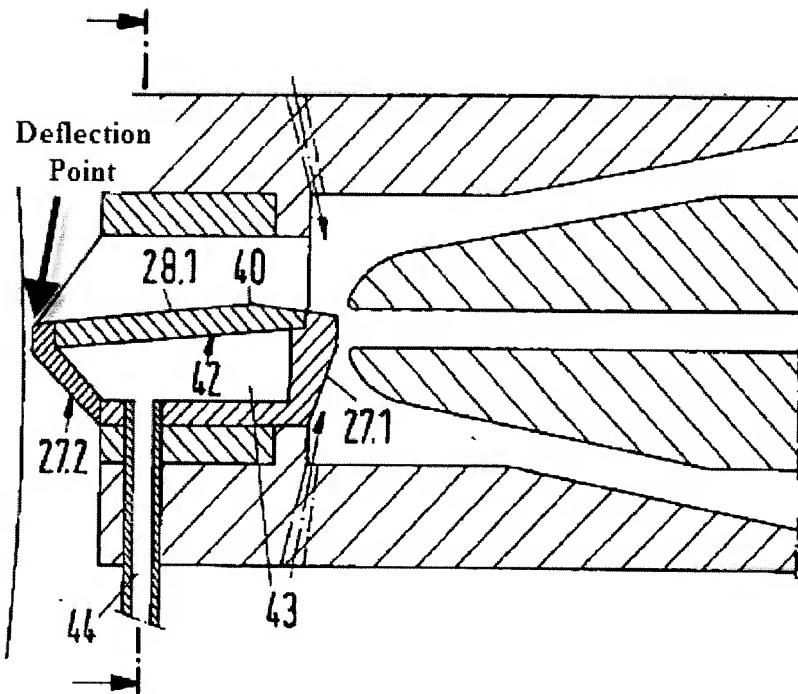


In view of the teachings of Anderegg '488, one of ordinary skill in the art would know that the input direction of the fibers in Figure 7 would be along the fiber guidance surface 28.1 of Figure 7. Accordingly, the input direction of the fibers of Anderegg '488 does not form an angle α with the fiber guidance surface 28.1 as required by claim 12. Rather, the input direction of the fibers of Anderegg '488 is parallel to the fiber guidance surface 28.1. Therefore claim 12 is not anticipated by Anderegg '488 for at least the reason that Anderegg '488 fails to teach each and every limitation of claim 12.

Moreover, claim 12 further requires that the fiber guidance surface have a deflection point in the interior of the fiber guidance sleeve. The Examiner has incorrectly identified item 40 of Anderegg '488 as a deflection point. Point 40 of Anderegg '488 is used to vary the guidance surface of the fibers in order to influence the fiber intervals in the fiber flow according to the shape of elevation 40. (Anderegg '488, claim 3). In that regard, elevation 40 of Anderegg '488 is analogous to item 17 of Figure 1 of the present application, which is provided to achieve additional splaying of the edge fibers on the fiber guide surface.

The deflection point of Anderegg '488 that is analogous to the deflection point of independent claim 12 is located at the very edge of the fiber guide surface as illustrated below:

Fig.7



As indicated by the arrow above, the deflection point is located outside the fiber guidance sleeve and not in the interior of the fiber guidance sleeve as required by claim 12. Accordingly,

Anderegg '488 fails to teach each and every limitation of independent claim 12. For at least this reason, claim 12 is not anticipated by Anderegg '488 and is allowable.

Dependent claim 20 depends from claim 12 and includes each and every limitation of claim 12. Thus, for at least the reasons claim 12 is allowable, claim 20 similarly is allowable.

Independent claim 27 is directed to a fiber guidance sleeve for a spinning position of an air-jet spinner. Claim 27 also requires a deflection point formed by the fiber guidance surface and the run-in ramp to be located in the interior of the fiber guidance sleeve. As discussed above, Anderegg '488 fails to teach a deflection point located in the interior of the fiber guidance sleeve. Accordingly, claim 27 patentably defines over the cited prior art.

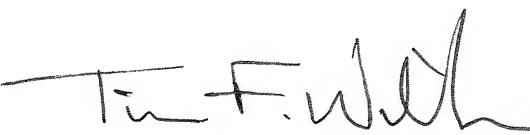
In summary, applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in complete condition for allowance and favorable action, therefore, is respectfully requested. Examiner Parsley is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned, however, should any issues remain after consideration of this Amendment.

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